

PRA - Whistleblower - 01

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Subject: Alum Rock Union School District

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Ingrid,

I hope this message finds your team well.

I am reaching out on behalf of parents, students and tax payers in the Alum Rock community, to request your support on matters related to the Alum Rock Union School District. Your leadership and voice have been instrumental in the community's work over the last 18 months, as we have demanded a transparent, ethical and accountable school board. Thank you for walking with us.

Unfortunately, we are once again concerned that Sup. Dr. Hilaria Bauer's tenure is in jeopardy. After closed session at the April board meeting, the report out to community made it clear that the board, under the advisement of their lawyer, Maribel Medina, was positioning themselves to place Dr. Bauer on leave and/or create a pathway to termination.

Last week, on May 10 the regularly scheduled board meeting was canceled as there was not a quorum. Since then there have been reports that Trustee Herrera missed the meeting to attend a concert. This cancellation has led to a special board meeting planned for May 29, 2018. Often, in the last 18 months, the board has agendized her potential dismissal during a special board meeting, following a long weekend or school closure, assuming that parents and the community would not have enough time to mobilize. We are concerned that this will happen once again on May 29.

We ask that you re-iterate your position to all school board members, stating:

- 1) Your support of Dr. Hiliaria Bauer's leadership and tenure as our superintendent.
- 2) That the City is committed to continued partnership with ARUSD, in support of our students, but that you remain concerned by the Del Terra contracts; the many fiscal issues that have yet to be fully rectified; and the retaliation against whistleblowers.

I've also reached out to Assemblymember Ash Kalra making a similar request, as we are wondering if there is anything the State Legislature can do to ensure greater accountability. I share this with you in the event that you may know some additional mechanisms for us to leverage.

We appreciate your time and continued support.

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

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